

the Board's principal offices. All submissions should refer to File No. SR-MSRB-98-1 and should be submitted by February 10, 1998.

For the Commission by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.<sup>14</sup>

**Margaret J. McFarland,**

*Deputy Secretary.*

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## SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[License No. 02/72-0578]

### Hudson Venture Partners, L.P.; Notice of Issuance of a Small Business Investment Company License

On June 4, 1997, an application was filed by Hudson Venture Partners, L.P., at 660 Madison Avenue, 14th Floor, New York, New York 10022, with the Small Business Administration (SBA) pursuant to Section 107.300 of the Regulations governing small business investment companies (13 CFR 107.300 (1996)) for a license to operate as a small business investment company.

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to Section 301(c) of the Small Business Investment Act of 1958, as amended, after having considered the application and all other pertinent information, SBA issued License No. 02/72-0578 on December 31, 1997, to Hudson Venture Partners, L.P. to operate as a small business investment company.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program No. 59.011, Small Business Investment Companies)

Dated: January 9, 1998.

**Don A. Christensen,**

*Associate Administrator for Investment.*

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## SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

### Privacy Act of 1974, as Amended; Computer Matching Program SSA/ Office of Personnel Management (OPM)—SSA Consolidated Match Numbers 1005, 1019, 1020, 1021

**AGENCY:** Social Security Administration.

**ACTION:** Notice of Computer Matching Program.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the provisions of the Privacy Act, as amended, this notice announces a computer matching program that SSA plans to conduct with OPM.

**DATES:** SSA will file a report of the subject matching program with the Committee on Governmental Affairs of the Senate, the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight of the House of Representatives and the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB). The matching program will be effective as indicated below.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested parties may comment on this notice by either telefax to (410) 966-2935 or writing to the Associate Commissioner for Program Support, 4400 West High Rise Building, 6401 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21235. All comments received will be available for public inspection at this address.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** The Associate Commissioner for Program Support at the address shown above.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### A. General

The Computer Matching and Privacy Protection Act of 1988 (Public Law (Pub. L.) 100-503), amended the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552a) by establishing the conditions under which computer matching involving the Federal government could be performed and adding certain protections for individuals applying for and receiving Federal benefits. Section 7201 of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990 (Pub. L. 101-508) further amended the Privacy Act regarding protections for such individuals.

The Privacy Act, as amended, regulates the use of computer matching by Federal agencies when records in a system of records are matched with other Federal, State, or local government records. Among other things, it requires Federal agencies involved in computer matching programs to:

(1) Negotiate written agreements with the other agency or agencies participating in the matching programs;

(2) Obtain the approval of the match agreement by the Data Integrity Boards (DIB) of the participating Federal Agencies;

(3) Furnish detailed reports about matching programs to Congress and OMB;

(4) Notify applicants and beneficiaries that their records are subject to matching; and

(5) Verify match findings before reducing, suspending, terminating or denying an individual's benefits or payments.

### B. SSA Computer Matches Subject to the Privacy Act

We have taken action to ensure that all of SSA's computer matching programs comply with the requirements of the Privacy Act, as amended.

Dated: December 19, 1997.

**Kenneth S. Apfel,**

*Commissioner of Social Security.*

### Notice of Computer Matching Program, Social Security Administration (SSA) With the Office of Personnel Management (OPM)

#### A. Participating Agencies

SSA and OPM.

#### B. Purpose of the Matching Program

This matching program will have four separate components. The purposes of each of these parts are as follows.

**SSA Match 1021:** SSA will match OPM's civil service benefit and payment data with SSA's records of beneficiaries receiving Social Security spouse's benefits which are subject to reduction under the Social Security Act when the beneficiary is also receiving a government pension based on employment not covered under that Act. SSA will match the OPM data to verify information provided (or identify information that should have been provided) by the SSA beneficiary at the time of initially applying for Social Security benefits and on a continuing basis to ensure that any reduction in Social Security benefits is based on the current pension amount.

**SSA Match 1020:** OPM records will be used in a matching program wherein SSA will match OPM's benefit data with SSA's records for disabled and retired annuitants. These annuitants may be subject to the use of a modified benefit computation formula used by SSA under the Social Security Act for certain persons who receive both a civil service benefit and a Social Security retirement or disability benefit. SSA will use the OPM data to verify the pension or annuity information provided (or to identify such information that should have been provided) directly to SSA by the retirees/annuitants.

**SSA Match 1005:** OPM records will be used in a matching program where SSA will match OPM's data with SSA's records to verify the accuracy of information furnished by applicants and recipients concerning eligibility factors for the SSI program as authorized by section 1631(e)(1)(B) and (f) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1383(e)(1)(B) and (f)). The SSI program provides payments to individuals who have income and resources below levels established by law and regulations.

<sup>14</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).